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FOUR-H CLUB WORK IN HAWAII.

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A radio talk by Miss Madge Reese, Extension Service, delivered through WRC and 32 other stations associated with the National Broadcasting Company, at 1:10 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Saturday, January 4, 1930. U. S. Department of Agriculture

In the language of Hawaii, I shall say "Aloha." "Aloha" means I wish the 4-H club boys and girls throughout the United States a very happy and successful New Year. Our Christmas festivities are over and today we are trying to keep the usual good New Year's resolutions. The Christmas festivities of club boys and girls in the Territory of Hawaii are somewhat different than in the States. There are no fir or spruce trees in the tropics so that the childrens' gifts are sometimes hung on miniature palm trees. Santa Claus comes to shore in an out-rigger canoe. There are no fire places and no snow except on three of the highest mountain peaks. At the Christmas feast there is island turkey, of course, served with lucious tropical fruits like the papaya, pineapple, banana, mango, breadfruit, and avacado. On all festive occasions beautiful garlands of flowers, called leis, are worn. Oh! but the same Christmas spirit abounds and the same age-old Christmas carols are sung wherever the birth of Christ is observed.

One thousand or more 4-H Club boys and girls in the Territory are happily engaged in their club projects, meeting together in groups with the local leaders and the county extension agents for instruction, repeating the 4-H club pledge, singing club songs and having a good social time. Some of them may be listening to this radio talk right now if they got out of bed early. It is now about 7 o'clock in the morning in Hawaii. You may ask what the club projects are in the tropics. There are poultry, pig, calf, rabbit, garden, sugar cane, pineapple, clothing, canning, and food preparation clubs reporting good results.

You will be interested in knowing that the 4-H club boys and girls in Hawaii are of many races, - Hawaiian, Japanese, Chinese, Samoian, Phillipino, Portuguese, various mixtures of races, and Haoles (Haole is the term used for whites). All these club boys and girls speak English and are true Americans. It is interesting to observe the harmonious mingling and working together of the several races. Although the territory is separated from the mainland by 2100 miles of Pacific Ocean, the same American customs and ideals prevail. The Territory is comprised of eight principal islands and has been an integral part of the United States since 1909. Club work is now conducted on four of the islands. I shall pronounce them slowly so that you will understand - Oahu, the island on which Honolulu is located, Hawaii, the largest of the islands and the island on which one of the largest volcanoes, Kilauea, is active, Maui where Haleakala the largest extinct volcanic crater in the world is found, and Kauai, known as the Garden Island because of its great beauty and production

At the University of Hawaii has been produced a beautiful yellow hibiscus, "Minnie Lee", which has been dedicated especially to Hawaii Boys' and Girls' Extension Clubs. The club members will plant this hibiscus in their yards and gardens to add even more charm and beauty to the islands, if that is possible, and all club members have learned this beautiful ode:

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"With the red and gold of the sun,
This flower for Extension is chosen
To stand for the good work begun.
Its five petals stand for the words of our pledge,
The motto we hang on the wall.
"4-H's" plus one for Hawaii
And Hibiscus stands for them all.
Head, Heart, Hand and Health we are pledging
To work for Hawaii, our own.
So here's to the yellow hibiscus
Our Aloha for farm and for Home."

Radio Talk, Madge J. Reese,
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